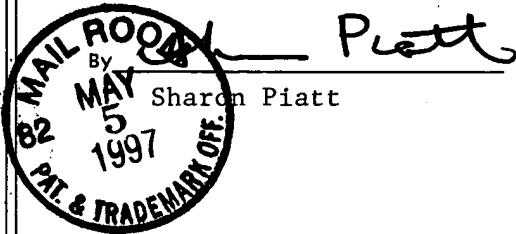


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In re application of:)
BARONE, et al.) Examiner: N.A. Musto
Application No.: 08/574,461) Art Unit: 1818
Filed: 11/30/95) PETITION TO EXTEND TIME UNDER
For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS) 37 CFR §1.136(a)
FOR MONITORING POLYMER)
ARRAY SYNTHESIS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 30, 1997 for two months, from March 1, 1997 to May 1, 1997. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of a RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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